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Honorable David E. Bonior  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Bonior:

This is in response to your letter of February 25, 1993, in which you expressed your views regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). You included several suggestions for possible changes to the rules governing radio remote controlled airplanes.

Since your letter, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc. (Academy), the largest association of these hobbyists, filed formal comments and met with our agency. We have enclosed a copy of those comments. We are eager to work with the Academy and their constituents to develop rules to assure safe operation of their model planes to the maximum extent possible. Thus, following the comment and reply comment periods (May 28, 1993 and July 14, 1993, respectively), we will endeavour to adopt reasonable final rules as soon as possible.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the formal record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division

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February 25, 1993

Federal Communications Commission  
Mr. Doron Fertig  
1919 M Street N.W., Room 5202  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Fertig:

I am writing to make a public comment regarding PR Docket No. 92-235. My constituents are deeply concerned about a possible increased chance of interference with radio control users in the 72 - 76 Mhz band. If interference causes an RC user to lose control of his or her aircraft, serious physical and monetary damage may result.

Please consider proposals to ensure that radio control users have adequate frequency space in which to enjoy their hobby. Radio control users in my district have made several suggestions, which I believe are worth examining. The suggestions include:

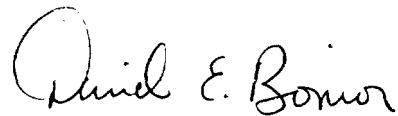
- 1) Establish a separate frequency range allocated solely to RC users.
- 2) Establish some type of notice mechanism, whereby mobile users and RC users would list the location of their sites with the FCC. Both groups could then know if they were operating within close proximity and could take steps to avoid interfering with each other, e.g., perhaps individually agree to time periods when each would operate.
- 3) Take steps to establish some type of limit on liability for RC users whose aircraft are interfered with.
- 4) Establish some type of enforcement mechanism to ensure that violators of the frequency allocation rules are punished.

I understand that the proposals mentioned above are not detailed, and some may ultimately be impossible to implement. I also understand that the FCC has limited resources. However, radio control is an important hobby to the people in my district. I believe the FCC should make every reasonable effort to ensure that RC users may enjoy their hobby without interference.

After May 28, 1993, when the public comment period ends, please forward to Todd Schmitz, in my Mount Clemens office, a synopsis of the most common public comments received regarding PR Docket No. 92-235 and the effect on radio control users. This information will assist me in deciding whether to submit a reply comment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If I or my staff may be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Bonior".

David E. Bonior  
Member of Congress

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